

The specification has been amended in Paragraph [0059], second line by adding after “fastener” - - ,such as a suitable bolt 67 and nut 45, - - As previously mentioned, the bolt head 48 is clearly shown in FIG. 4B as originally filed.

(See specification as filed, marked up copy, and clean copy as amended.).

As previously noted, in paragraph [0062] after “lower portion” add 93; after “upper portion” add 94; after “inner side”, line 5 add 95; and after “inner side”, line 6, add 96.

In paragraph [0068], line 5, after “lighting”, add 84.

A parts list is also included with this amendment for the examiners convenience.

CLAIMS

(See amended claims in Marked up copy, and clean copy as amended).

Claim 1 has been rejected over Hamilton and Sandahl et al.

Claim 1 and claim 2 have been rewritten as new claim 21.

New claim 21 includes the pivotal clamping arms 52 of claim 2 with the frame and flexible sheet material 61 disclosed in claim 1. This combination has advantages not taught in Hamilton or Sandahl et al. The pivotal clamping arms can be selectively positioned to avoid the sub-structure of a variety of table tops, as noted in the specification, paragraph [0048].

After new claim 21 has been considered, then delete claims 1 and 2.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 USC112 as being indefinite.

Antecedent basis is found on page 15, third paragraph, of the specification as originally filed. See paragraph [0062]. Also note FIG. 3, items 93-96, as amended.

Claim 8 has been rejected for lack of antecedent basis.

Claim 8 has been amended in line 2, wherein The [open] end has been deleted, and - - distal- - end added, and reference to the [table top braces and] have been deleted. Also add - - horizontal - - before "table top braces." In line three.

See claim 1 b) and 1d) as originally filed, also see FIG. 4A, 4B, 6A and 6B, and specification, paragraph [0047], [0052] and [0055], as originally filed.

Claim 9 has been rejected for lack of antecedent basis, as "the table top brace" lacks antecedent basis. See Claim 1 b), line 2 and Claim 1 d), line 2-3, as originally filed. Also see paragraph [0065] in the application as filed.

Thus claim 9 is believed to have antecedent basis, and therefore is now believed to be allowable.

The examiner has noted that claims 12-20 are allowed.

Claims 2, 5, 7, 10 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim. These claims have been amended to depend from new claim 21, and thus are now believed to be allowable.

(See marked up claims, and new claims as amended).

Thus, there were three independent claims and a total of 20 claims in the application as filed. There are now three independent claims and a total of 19 claims in the amended patent application. Thus no additional fees are believed to be required, prior to receiving a Notice of Allowance in the amended patent application. Therefore allowance of claims 3 through 21 is hereby respectfully requested.

Please advise if any further changes are required prior to gaining allowance of the pending patent application. I am available for an examiner interview Monday through Friday, from 9:30AM through 5:30PM, by calling (703) 535-5455. My offices are located at 2121 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22039, right next to the new USPTO. I would be delighted to meet you, and personally thank you for the diligent and thorough review of my pending patent application.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosure:

Amendment dated 03/25/005
Marked up copy of the Specification as originally filed
Clean copy of the Amended Specification
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New Formal drawings.
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